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Military Units in Stara Zagora

1. A military camp covering an area of three kilometers along the road and one meter deep from the road is located on the west side of the Stara Zagora-Kazanluk road in the northern limits of Stara Zagora. The following units are in the barracks area:
 - a. An infantry unit, quartered in buildings which the local residents refer to as "pekhotni kazarmi" (infantry barracks); in the spring of 1953, informant saw a group of 200 soldiers training with Soviet rifles, automatic pistols (kartechni pistoleti), and light machine guns; he could supply no further details;
 - b. A tank unit, located near the infantry unit; informant observed six tanks which he believes to be of two types, but which he was unable to identify from pictures; he believes that there were other tanks in the unit's garage;
 - c. A Trudovak unit located next to the tank unit; the number of troops in this unit was very small at the time informant observed the area, because they were working on various projects throughout the vicinity; and

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- d. A "Baykal" unit, the functions of which are unknown to informant; its personnel are armed with automatic pistols and carbines; on one occasion, informant noted armed troops from this unit leaving the area in three trucks in the direction of Stara Zagora; he was unable to supply further details.

Powder Depot in Stara Zagora

2. A military depot known to the local residents as "the powder magazine" is located 700-800 meters west of Stara Zagora along the road to Dubrava (N 42-27, E 25-36). It is located on the left side of the road, and extends along the road for a distance of about 800-1,000 meters and is about 500 meters in depth. It is enclosed by a single-strand barbed wire fence strung on wooden posts 1.5 meters high.
3. There are 13 tile-roofed buildings in the area. They are six meters high, are painted, have one door and no windows, and vary from eight meters square to 7-8 by 10-12 meters in size. They are arranged in a checkerboard pattern and are spaced approximately 150 to 200 meters apart.
4. The guard quarters is located at the eastern end of the area in a building similar to the other buildings of the depot. During the day, the depot is guarded by a mobile sentry (one soldier armed with a rifle) who patrols between the buildings. At night, the guard is composed of three sentries who patrol the northern, southern, and western sections of the area. The guards are attached to the Stara Zagora garrison and are changed every 24 hours.
6. The depot area is covered with grass. There are paths between the buildings. Informant did not notice any movement in the area, such as loading or unloading of material, nor does he know what types and quantities of explosives are stored.

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